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TO: DSN Board and QPL CEO's/Presidents/Executive Directors
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FROM: CFO W. Chris Clark, CPA, CGMA

DATE: March 27, 2020

RE: 30 day residential bed vacancy extension due to COVID-19

The existing 30 day bed vacancy rule is being relaxed as a temporary-interim procedure to respond to the expected delays providers could have in filling beds due to COVID-19. The existing rule is being extended to 60 days for those vacancies occurring after February 12, 2020 (30 days prior to the Governor declared state of emergency on March 13, 2020). Vacancy letters and contract amendments will be adjusted to reflect this extension of the funded vacancy period.

Intermittent vacancy funding will be increased from the current 45 days to 60 days. Billable vacancies for fee for service residential placements will remain at their current levels.

We will notify you when this interim procedure is terminated and vacancy rules return to their prior levels.

We ask that providers still make every effort to fill their vacancies in a timely manner. SCDDSN is unable to recover these costs and will be incurring lost revenues due to each of these vacancies. In difficult times like these, we need to work to benefit one another and the individuals needing our care and services.

If you should happen to have any questions, then please let us know by emailing contracts@ddsn.sc.gov.